

#### COLLABORATIVE UNDERSERVED RELIEF AND EDUCATION NETWORK

# MISSION: To improve access to medical, dental and vision care for the underserved.

The CURE Network was created to meet the vital and ever growing need to bring free medical services to the underinsured and those without insurance in the greater Chicagoland area. Since its inception in 2010, CURE Network has proudly provided over \$2,000,000 of free medical, dental and vision care to nearly 3,000 patients.

CURE Network founders, Kenneth S. Nelson, MD and Rama D. Jager, MD, MBA, FACS realized that the need for these basic health services could not be met by the current health care safety net. Quite simply, the need is greater than the available services. With this in mind, the CURE Network's main purpose is to provide free access to these unmet medical, dental and vision services through clinic programs and, as importantly, to provide people with an entry point into a medical home for continued care.

Thanks to generous financial and volunteer support, CURE Network has hosted 2 clinic programs: in Chicago at Malcolm X College during August 2011; the second was in Grayslake during June 2012. All services were free and provided by licensed health care providers who volunteered their time and expertise to CURE Network. Planning has begun for CURE Network's 3rd clinic program, which will be held at the MAX McCook Athletic & Exposition Center ( 4750 Vernon Ave, McCook, IL 60525) on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

The Clinic Program on September 7 will provide vision screening, eyeglasses made on-site or sent via the mail, dental screening and dental services (fillings & extractions), as well as general medical screening. Medical, dental, and vision services will be provided by licensed professionals, volunteering their time and expertise to help those in need. Services are limited and will be served on a first come, first served basis. Projected capacity is 500 – 600 patients. Doors open at 6:30 am. Dental services will be provided off-site at local dental offices and free transportation to and from the MAX will be coordinated and provided by a local bus company.

The targeted patient population is the underserved, those without a current medical or dental home. Specifically, we are targeting patients in Bridgeview, Broadview, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Countryside, Darien, Downers Grove, Hickory Hills, Hinsdale, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, Justice, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside, Oakbrook, Riverside, Stickney, Summit, Westchester, Western Springs, Westmont, Willowbrook, and Willow Springs.

To get involved, to volunteer, or to donate; please visit <a href="www.curenetwork.org">www.curenetwork.org</a>. For more info, contact Executive Director, Karen Carroll, at <a href="kcarroll@curenetwork.org">kcarroll@curenetwork.org</a>.

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